

SPEAKER NICHOL: We have Senator DeCamp, Senator Howard Peterson and Senator Newell, Senator Vard Johnson, Senator Beutler, Senator Barrett. Senator DeCamp next.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members, first of all I want to commend Senator Johnson and Senator Fowler because this is one of the most brilliant moves I have seen. What it does and it appears to do are two completely different things. It appears to say that you guys want independent contractors, then let's say independent contractors. That is what you said on the floor, didn't you, huh? What does it really do? Well, it do gut the bill. Why? Because it was the Labor Department's interpretation and change of attitude on what an independent contractor means that generated the whole controversy in the first place. So what Vard says is, okay, you have used the word independent contractor a little loose out here, let's use it, give the authority back to the Labor Department, they will do exactly what they did before, we will be back to square one and we will have run the business out of the state. So what the amendment does that we offered is, hey, we say, look, you know, we have known what it meant, the concept of independent contractor for 30 years and it was them that changed it and, therefore, we don't want them to have that power so to speak to make that misinterpretation, so we are spelling out what we are talking about. So I repeat, it was brilliant and I commend you for it. I know only Fowler could have thought of this. But I would urge you to reject the amendment because you are going to be back to square one, as I say, and remember we are not talking just about Donnelley. Everybody keeps saying Donnelley, Donnelley, Donnelley. Well, that happens to be the visible one, like so many issues on this floor, that is what we are looking at right now. What about Bernice Labedz? That's right, I said Bernice Labedz. Now Bernice and she told me about it, she said, hey, you know I have people that address envelopes in their homes, pay them so much a box or however it is done. She says, they tried to hang me on this thing saying, God, you have got to set up an unemployment scheme and everything else. What about the Democratic and Republican parties? What about your campaigns? Heck, I don't know just how far they want to go. But that would seem to be the natural implications, wouldn't it? What about Jake over there? Gets ready to run for office, pays somebody X number of dollars to go out and fill out two boxes of envelopes so he can send them to constituents saying, hey, vote for me. That appears to be the implication, so I would suggest we stick with the original amendment and advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Howard Peterson.